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**United States District Court
Northern District of Indiana**

**Retirement of The Honorable Robert L. Miller, Jr.
and
Dedication of The Robert Lowell Miller, Jr. Courtroom**

SOUTH BEND, Indiana (August 3, 2023): On January 28, 2022, the Judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana resolved to honor the life, career, and legacy of the Honorable Robert Lowell Miller, Jr. by naming the courtroom in which he presides in his honor. In recognition of Judge Miller's remarkable service to his community, the State of Indiana, and the United States of America, the third-floor courtroom of the Robert A. Grant Federal Courthouse at 204 South Main Street, South Bend, Indiana, in dedication to him is named, *The Robert Lowell Miller, Jr. Courtroom*. An event celebrating the naming of the courtroom will be held in Judge Miller's courtroom at 1:00 p.m. EDT on August 4, 2023, at which time the Resolution will be formally presented to Judge Miller. The court will take this opportunity to further honor Judge Miller for his extensive record of service to the Judiciary, as he will be retiring at the end of August.

President Ronald Reagan appointed Judge Miller as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana on December 17, 1985. Judge Miller assumed senior status on January 11, 2016.

Judge Miller preceded his appointment to the federal bench with service as a St. Joseph Superior Court Judge from 1975 through 1985, having been appointed to that position at the age of 25. He served as Chief Judge of that court from 1981 until 1983. Prior to his state court appointment, Judge Miller was a law clerk for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. Nearly his entire career has been spent on the bench.

On July 8, 2020, Judge Miller was appointed to a seven-year term on the United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review. He also served as Chair of the Seventh Circuit Pattern Civil Jury Instruction Committee from 2002 to

2022. Over the years, Judge Miller served on several other committees, including the Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Resources from 2015 until 2021; the Board of Directors for the Federal Judges' Association from 2014 until 2015; and the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation from 2003 until 2010. Judge Miller presided over four multidistrict litigation proceedings in the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana. He also served as the Seventh Circuit District Judge Representative on the Judicial Conference to the United States from 1997 until 2000, and served on the Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Relations from 1991 until 1997.

Throughout his career, Judge Miller served as chair, lecturer, faculty member, or panelist on dozens of continuing legal education programs and seminars presented by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, the Seventh Circuit Judicial Conference, the American Bar Association, the Indiana Judicial College, the Indiana State Bar Association, the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council, the Federal Bar Association, the Indiana Public Defender Council, and the National Institute of Trial Advocacy. He was the author of four editions and annual updates of the *Courtroom Handbook on Indiana Evidence* published by Thomson West.

Judge Miller has received multiple awards and honors during his long tenure, including being a recipient of the Woods Award, Indiana High School Mock Trial Program (2003), and Sagamore of the Wabash (2006). He was also a 2006 inductee to the South Bend Alumni Hall of Fame. Most recently, Judge Miller was the recipient of The American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Seventh Circuit (2023), which honors "a lawyer or judge whose life and practice display sterling character and unquestioned integrity, coupled with ongoing dedication to the highest standards of the legal profession and the rule of law."

Chief Judge Holly A. Brady remarked on behalf of the Court, "The Court is deeply indebted to Judge Miller for his nearly four decades of service to the Court and the Community which it serves. Judge Miller has been a loyal friend and mentor to his colleagues and has always treated the lawyers who appear before him fairly and with respect. Most importantly, Judge Miller has been a champion for the rule of law. His wisdom and wit will be missed by all as he begins to enjoy his well deserved time with his family."

A portrait and a plaque honoring Judge Miller have been placed outside the designated courtroom to memorialize the occasion.

The Resolution signed by the District Judges and issued as General Order 2022-02 can be viewed on the Court's website: www.innd.uscourts.gov.